

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

**Before the Joint Standing Committees on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
and State and Local Government**

**“An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the  
General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government  
and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper  
Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025”**

**January 21, 2025**

Good afternoon, Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. I am Kirsten Figueroa, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I am here today to present the fiscal year 2025 supplemental budget bill.

**Lead By Example**

There is one initiative on **page A-1** with accompanying language in **Part D on page 2** of the language document. The initiative on page A-1 establishes an allocation in the Lead by Example program.

The Lead by Example program is established to focus on statewide energy data, strategic energy purchases and development of renewable energy projects, and serve as a competitive, revolving grant program for State agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations, and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems. The program will receive any direct reimbursement of the costs of renewable energy projects under state or federal programs, including the IRS Elective Pay reimbursement program established under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Part D also authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services, to purchase, retire, and sell renewable energy credits.

## **Risk Management – Claims**

There is one initiative on **page A-2** for Risk Management. This initiative does not request any new resources. Rather, this initiative corrects an allocation established in the wrong account for Risk Management in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part BBBB by establishing allocation in the correct, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.