

**Testimony**  
**Engrossed SB 2285**  
**House Judiciary Committee**  
**Representative Klemin, Chairman**  
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Chairman Klemin, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, General Counsel for the Public Health Division with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you to express the Department's support of the amendment to engrossed SB 2285. The Department is neutral on the bill itself.

The amendment as proposed would limit the application of the engrossed bill to ambiguous statutes, which is in line with the status of current case law. This would continue to allow deference to agencies' technical expertise in the application of statutes and rules which are unambiguous as is the current practice.

Again, the Department does not take a position on the bill but is supportive of the amendment. This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.