

TESTIMONY ON SB 2262
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Good morning, for the record my name is Jamie Mertz, Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Public Instruction. I am here to provide you with information regarding logistics of SB 2262.

To carry out the activity granted in to the K-12 Coordination Council, they will need someone to procure these services. Since their appropriation is within DPI's budget, it may be assumed that DPI will provide these services. We respectfully request that somewhere in the record it is stated that the council will utilize the State Procurement Office for these procurements. DPI's Procurement Officer is full-time busy with our procurements and contracts, to the point where we have to use the SPO office at times. We cannot take on the procurement responsibility of another entity with current resources.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my remarks. I thank you for the opportunity to discuss DPI's only concern with this bill. I would be happy to take any questions from the committee.