

TESTIMONY OF

**Joe Morrisette, Director of the Office of Management and Budget**

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am Joe Morrisette, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I am here to testify in support of House Bill 1395, which provides for the reallocation of spending authority relating to the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).

The Office of Management and Budget has worked in cooperation with the Office of the State Treasurer to distribute nearly \$123 million of CRF moneys to political subdivisions in the state during the past year. OMB coordinated the collection of reimbursement requests and certifications from political subdivisions, then provided weekly updates to the Office of the Treasurer indicating the eligible political subdivisions and distribution amounts. The Office of the Treasurer then distributed the payments. It is a process that has worked well and I appreciate the hard work of both OMB team members and the Treasurer's Office to make these payments in a timely and efficient manner.

The CRF spending authority provided for the Office of the State Treasurer to make the law enforcement payroll distributions was based on estimated payroll costs. Actual distributions were based on actual payroll costs as certified by the cities and counties. As we made the final payments based on actual city and county law enforcement payroll, we discovered we are slightly short of authority to complete the last payment. I am requesting an additional **\$276,125** to make the final law enforcement payroll distribution to the last city to complete their reimbursement request and make the final reimbursement payments to two remaining soil conservation districts. Because the Office of the State Treasurer makes these distributions, the spending authority would need to be added to their agency.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, this concludes my testimony. I ask for your support for House Bill 1395, with this proposed amendment. I would be happy to answer any questions.