

TESTIMONY OF

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Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am here to testify in support of Section 10 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1505.

Section 10 – Coronavirus Relief Fund Reallocation

Section 10 provides an appropriation of \$12.4 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for payroll expenses at the Department of Human Services, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Adjutant General.

This authority will allow any unspent CRF money to be used to offset allowable state payroll expenses and save an equivalent amount of general fund dollars. We currently estimate unspent CRF funding to be approximately \$9.5 million on December 31, 2021. This requested authorization of \$12.4 million allows capacity to allocate additional funding if the current estimate proves to be low.

CRF money needs to be obligated by December 31, 2021, and spent within 90 days, or be returned to the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I ask your support for section 10 of HB1505. This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.