

**SB659**

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RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 659. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) understands the intent of this bill. However, DAGS has concerns that this bill's requirement that DAGS work with the Department of Budget and Finance to "collect and post on the website, the information (on each state award) that is required by this section" is an unfunded mandate. Furthermore, if funding were to be appropriated for this bill, DAGS has concerns that this measure would adversely impact the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2009-2010.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.