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To:

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: J.G. Scott. Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs

Re:

HB 2739

HB 2739 would establish the framework to modify the current budget process that would be completed on or before January 14, 2019. The bill lays out a three-step approach, including time lines

Step 1 would create a program service inventory that would identify: agency programs and subprograms; authorizing state or federal statutory citation; mandatory or discretionary programs, history and interaction with other programs, federal financial requirements; priority of programs; and consequence of not funding the programs. This step would be completed on or before January 9, 2017.

Step 2 would integrate the budget fiscal process through common accounting procedures that would be consistent beginning with budget development and ending with actual expenditures by fund. This step would be completed on or before January 6, 2018.

The final step would be to establish outcome-based performance measures that also would improve the capacity to compare program effectiveness across all programs.

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