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FW: Guidance for Testifying on Non-Administrative Measures

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Aloha Program Managers,

As we have begun the legislative session, I want to provide guidance and parameters for testifying on non-administrative measures. It is important that our testimony aligns with DBEDT's framework, avoids conflicting or duplicating positions, and reflects fiscal restraint.

Key Areas of Focus:

- **Informational Briefings:** Provide updates as needed, ensuring consistency with DBEDT's strategic priorities.
- **Administrative Bills:** Prioritize support for key DBEDT initiatives as outlined in the Economic Landscape presentation.
- **Non-Administrative Bills:** Generally, testimony should be **comments only** unless specifically requested by the Committee Chair or Introducer.

Preparing Testimony:

- **Align with DBEDT's Framework** – Testimony should not duplicate or conflict with DBEDT's strategic priorities.
- **Focus on Program Priorities** – Testimony should emphasize the impact on existing DBEDT programs and resources.
- **Reorganization Bills (e.g., Housing, HCDA)** – These measures may delay progress due to administrative restructuring; testimony should reflect the potential impacts.
- **New Programs (e.g., Housing - HCDA, HHFDC)** – Consider whether the proposed changes improve service delivery and effectiveness.
- **Non-Admin Appropriations** – Use boilerplate language stating that funding requests do not impact administrative budget priorities.
- **Bills Assigning DBEDT Implementation** – Some measures may not be well-defined and could assign responsibilities to DBEDT without clear alignment. The agency or program best suited to lead will be determined based on the bill's purpose.

Please ensure that testimony is reviewed for alignment and consistency before submission. If there are any questions regarding DBEDT's position on a specific measure, reach out before finalizing testimony.

Mahalo,
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