

Chairman Brinkman, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Boggs, and Members of the House Insurance Committee, good morning and thank you for allowing me to speak on this legislation. When this bill was drafted in March, there were immediate needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These were our best estimates at the time. The amount needed may be different today, but ODJFS still needs the necessary funding so they can move as swiftly as possible. It is much easier to square away amounts with an amendment or sub bill when representatives from the department are able to come in at the next hearing to explain what those numbers will be. For the purpose of continuing to serve these efforts, I appreciate your starting of the process with this bill. Thank you for allowing me to give testimony on this bill. I will take any questions the committee may have at this time.