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House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Ref: HB 2526 – Testimony in support of bill

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee,

This bill would make two changes to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. An oversight occurred when the Committee was formed. With most all committees in the Legislature the minority party has the privilege of appointing a ranking member to the committee. This bill would correct that oversight beginning with publication in the statute book.

Additionally, the bill, beginning on page 5, line 14 gives the Committee the authority to directly communicate with agencies proposing rules and regulations and indicating concerns and approval or disapproval of any proposed rules and regulations. Currently in statute, the Committee only has review ability.

The bill also amends the statute covering the State Rules and Regulations Board by adding a ranking minority member by the same process as for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. This board sits and determines, by vote, if a proposed rule or regulation reaches the threshold for emergency consideration and approval or denial.

Respectively submitted,

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