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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 719, S.D. 1, Relating to Deferred Maintenance.

Purpose: Requires the Governor to prepare a deferred maintenance plan to gradually eliminate the deferred maintenance costs of all state-owned buildings, facilities, and other improvements. Requires the initial plan to be submitted to the Legislature with the executive budget for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021. Requires the Governor to prepare annual updates. Imposes the same requirements on the Chief Justice for Judiciary-owned buildings, facilities, and other improvements. Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Governor and to the Judiciary. Takes effect 7/1/2050.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary respectfully offers the following comment about Senate Bill No. 719, S.D.1.

The Judiciary suggests certain common assumptions and a common format be developed for presentation of the deferred maintenance plans. For example, there should be an understanding that all projected expenses be stated in dollars as of the plan due date or a standard escalation rate assumed so that, as various scenarios and target dates are explored and adjusted by various



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agencies, results are calibrated for reasonable comparison of repair and maintenance costs over defined time horizons.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.