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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services  
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The Department of Justice made a presentation to the Subcommittee on General Government about the Department of Justice Legal Rate on January 31, 2023. The presentation included DOJ reporting on Key Performance Measure (KPM) #9 – Percentage of legal billings receivables collected within 30 days. DOJ reported 92% of accounts receivable collected within 30 days for fiscal year 2022.

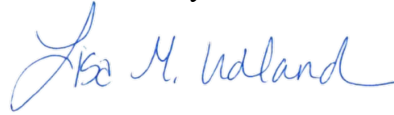
Co-Chair / Representative Greg Smith noted that DOJ is dependent upon the responsiveness of client agencies and has no direct control over the KPM. As such, he invited DOJ to submit a suggestion for a different KPM.

This KPM has been in place for at least 20 years. DOJ recently went through the process with LFO to make some revisions to the KPM's. DOJ believes that this KPM is in place in order to provide information to the Legislature for monitoring whether DOJ is receiving timely payment from client agencies due to timely payment being crucial to DOJ's working capital needs. Without the KPM, the Legislature would not otherwise be receiving this information. In addition, DOJ also recognizes the importance of communicating with our client agencies to ensure they have all of the information they need in order to be able to pay our invoices including questions they occasionally have about invoices. As a result, the KPM seems intended to assure the Legislature that the process is working. DOJ is willing to continue to report on this KPM.

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We appreciate the opportunity to offer a suggestion as well as the committee's interest and support. Please contact us if other questions arise.

Sincerely,



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