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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: GOVERNOR MUSGROVE**

**FROM: FELICIA GAVIN**

**RE: SB 2625 COMMENTS**

**DATE: MARCH 12, 2002**

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In my opinion, there are no major reasons to oppose this bill. This bill has two main components. One, the current requirement that the Governor and DFA pre-approve all travel out of the country is currently **not** being followed. In most cases, this approval is done "after the fact". It just creates an extra step in the process with no impact. This predominantly impacts the universities faculty and MDA staff. Signing the bill will eliminate another layer of unnecessary paperwork that is currently not being followed in the manner originally intended.

Secondly, eliminating the requirement that agencies use only travel agencies on state contract will allow agencies flexibility to find better rates for airline transportation. If they are able to match or find a better rate on the Internet or through other avenues than the state contract rate, they should be given the flexibility to do so.