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TESTIMONY OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER REGARDING:

House Bill No. 5359

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEARCH WARRANTS – INDICTMENTS, INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS – BILL OF RIGHTS ENHANCEMENT

Chairman Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The Office of the Public Defender supports House Bill 5359, which would require law enforcement to obtain consent or a search warrant before placing audio or video recording devices on a person's private property to record their activities. At a time when rapidly evolving technology has made personal information easily accessible, it is important that measures be taken to protect individuals' privacy rights. As the proposed bill balances those individual privacy concerns with the essential functions of law enforcement, the Office of the Public Defender supports its passage.

Sincerely,



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