

SB0317- **Oppose**

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Member of the Judiciary Committee. I am asking you to submit an unfavorable report for SB0317.

If passage of this bill means that any taxpayer funds are going toward the cost of legal representation for illegal immigrants, I do not support this. I don't see a fiscal note on this bill, which would be helpful in understanding how this is funded.

Why would our state budget be used to fund people who break the law just in the case of those who broke immigration laws, while other people who break other laws don't have this state service? This seems unfair to all legal citizens who break the law who must pay for their own counsel.

This bill appears to favor illegal immigrants over any citizen who breaks the law. Why would anyone support this? We all have compassion for people fleeing their country for a better place, but why should my taxpayer dollars fund this? There are plenty of nonprofits (CASA for example) that is well funded and can help these individuals without funding from the state budget.