

**Favorable with Amendments SB391
Criminal Procedure – Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior**

Families Advocating Intelligent Registries (FAIR) seeks rational, constitutional sexual offense laws and policies for persons accused and convicted of sexual offenses.

We have concerns with the use of the word, “victim,” in this bill, when in reality no decision of the court has been made against the alleged suspect. In this situation, there is no defendant and thus, there is no confirmed victim of a crime. Using the word “victim” assumes the alleged suspect is already guilty of a crime.

Furthermore, the bill states, “generally relating to victims’ rights,” but really it should be within anyone’s rights to further pursue clarification on why charges were dismissed or not filed. The accused person should have the option to ask why charges are being dismissed, as well.

FAIR strongly recommends changing the word “victim” to “accuser” in this bill and to expand the ability to request clarification to include both the accused and the accuser.

Sincerely,



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