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**Testimony of Delegate Dana Jones**  
**Before the Appropriations Committee**

**In Support of HB 768**  
**Judges' Retirement System - Special Death Benefit**  
**February 27th 2024, 1:00 pm**

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and my friends on the Appropriations Committee, I come before you today to present HB 768 – Judges’ Retirement System – Special Death Benefit.

This bill establishes a line of duty death benefit for Members of the Judges’ Retirement System, consistent with the benefits for most other plans with the state. It also ensures that JRS survivors receiving the benefit are eligible to participate in the State health plan, just like survivors in the other plans. This bill also includes a retroactive provision to allow for any affected surviving spouses to apply for the benefit, so that all instances of line of duty member deaths are treated equitably.

With that, I respectfully ask for a favorable report on HB 768.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Jones" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Dana Jones