

# Supplemental Testimony for SB 89 from Senator James

The following email shows the Office of the Public Defender withdrawing their opposition to SB 89 prior to its hearing in the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

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**Subject:** OPD Withdrawal of Opposition to SB89

Good afternoon Distinguished Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

The Office of the Public Defender filed written testimony opposing SB89. We have had the opportunity to speak with Senator James and get clarity about the purpose of the bill. As a result, we would like to withdraw our opposition to SB89.

Thank you,

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