

**SB 988/HB 309:** Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests - Limitations:  
Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **OPPOSE SB 988/HB 309** during committee consideration or floor votes.

While courthouse safety is important, this bill creates dangerous “no-enforcement zones” around the very places where violent offenders, domestic abusers, fugitives, and individuals with outstanding warrants are most likely to appear. Criminals already exploit courthouse appearances to evade arrest or intimidate victims/witnesses. Prohibiting routine stops, detentions, or arrests in these locations—especially if there is an immediate life-threatening emergency—would:

- Increase risks to judges, court staff, attorneys, victims, witnesses, jurors, and the public.
- Undermine law enforcement’s ability to execute warrants, conduct lawful field interviews, or respond to serious criminal activity near courthouses.

Existing courthouse security protocols, metal detectors, bailiffs, and court security officers already provide layered protection. Officers should retain full authority to enforce the law in and around judicial facilities—especially when dealing with individuals who pose known risks. Creating artificial geographic limits on police action creates an invitation to abuse and endangers everyone who relies on these buildings for justice.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote against SB 988/HB 309**.

Thank you for your attention to this critical public safety and courthouse security issue.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals