

CLAC MEMORANDUM/TESTIMONY

In Support of LD #771

An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs

TO: Senator Anne Beebe-Center
Representative Tavis Hasenfus
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

FR: Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)

RE: LD # 717 An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs

DA: March 10, 2025

The Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)* respectfully submits the following testimony on LD #771.

CLAC is in SUPPORT of LD # 771. This proposed change in the statute would be consistent with other provisions of the statute addressing seriously dangerous drugs.

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