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Judicial Branch testimony neither for nor against LD 747, An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification:

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Julie Finn and I represent the Judicial Branch. I would like to provide some brief testimony regarding this bill.

LD 747 amends section 1-701 of the Probate Code and requires “the court” to report “by electronic means a name change under this section to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification...” Subsection 1 of section 1-701 of the Probate Code is cross referenced in section 1653(2)(F) of Title 19-A and thus applies to name changes that occur in District Court when a parent requests a name change for a minor as part of a proceeding concerning parentage or other parental rights, including actions for divorce, parental rights and responsibilities and other Title 19-A proceedings involving minor children. We point this out to ask whether this bill was intended to apply to minor name changes that routinely occur as part of a divorce or other family case.

Thank you for your time.