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Judicial Branch testimony neither for nor against LD 2103, An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence by Amending the Law Regarding Proximity Restrictions in Final Protection from Abuse Orders:

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

While the Judicial Branch takes no position on this bill, there will be a fiscal impact. Protection orders are communicated to law enforcement immediately over what is called the "switch" and programming would have to be completed in order to communicate the proximity restrictions allowed by LD 2103. I have asked our IT department for an estimate on these costs and should have that for you soon.

Thank you for your time.