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Judicial Branch testimony neither for nor against LD 1917, An Act to Allow the Sealing of Criminal History Record Information Related to Convictions for Conduct That is No Longer a Crime in the State, and LD 1919, An Act to Expand the Types of Convictions Eligible for Sealing Through a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information:

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my name is Julie Finn and I represent the Judicial Branch. I would like to provide some brief testimony ~~neither for nor~~ against LD 1917 and LD 1919. With the Committee's permission, I will address these bills jointly.

In general, the Judicial Branch takes no position on the sealing of criminal records and this bill is no exception. In other sessions and before other committees, the Judicial Branch has consistently stated that additions and amendments to the existing process for sealing criminal records found in Title 15 Chapter 310-A can be supported within our current systems and procedures. We also do not plan to assess a fiscal impact for either LD 1917 or LD 1919, should this Committee advance these bills, because the two proposals expand our existing petition process which has been in place for several years.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to answer any questions.