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Judicial Branch testimony neither for nor against LD 1918, An Act to Clarify the Criminal History Record Information Act with Respect to Criminal Charges Dismissed as the Result of a Plea Agreement:

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 1918.

The Judicial Branch takes no position on the public policy described in this bill. My comments instead will focus on the technology aspects and timing of the implementation of the legislation, should it pass.

LD 1918 would require minor updates to our technology integration with the State Bureau of Identification. The costs associated with the necessary changes to the Enterprise Justice eCourts system can be absorbed within our existing budget. This new case management and efilng program will be implemented statewide at the end of 2026 or early 2027. In order to align with that schedule, and to avoid programming costs to our current nearly-obsolete system, we ask that the effective date of this bill be extended to April 1, 2027.

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