



TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2346, H.D. 1, RELATING TO ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 **TIME:** 3:30 PM

LOCATION: State Capitol Room 325
Deliver to: Committee Clerk, Room 302, 5 copies

TESTIFIER(S): Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General
or Lance M. Goto, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Waters and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this measure.

The purpose of this bill is to expand the offenses of endangering the welfare of a minor in the first and second degree to include all controlled substances not prescribed by a physician, except as permitted under section 329-122, regarding the medical use of marijuana.

Currently, the law only prohibits an individual from causing or permitting a minor to ingest methamphetamine. The law should be expanded to prohibit conduct related to other controlled substances, not just methamphetamine, to provide better protections for our children.

The Department respectfully requests that this bill be passed.