

Testimony for HB2537 on 2/21/2012 2:00:00 PM

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Comments:

Care needs to be taken on HB2537. You stand to violate privacy. Maybe you are under the misguided and erroneous thinking that individuals receiving assistance are not entitled to privacy or that they are the property of the state.

This bill borders on stripping an individual of any semblance of dignity. It is ripe for abuse should a neighbor or otherwise meddling person file a report against someone they know is receiving assistance, jeopardizing families' security, merely for the purpose of a vendetta.

Be cautious not to group assistance receivers into an undesirable category. That would be a horrific injustice.

Section (6) "Employees acting within the scope and course of their employment of recognized social welfare organizations as may be approved by the department;".....

Clarification please, this is vague; who, specifically, is the recognized social welfare organization worker...this could be anybody, a temp clerk?

Be thankful you are not on assistance but remember people's lives can be directly affected by harsh legislation. In fact, for the pittance that is doled out for people on assistance, they have more restrictions on living than do prisoners. They're lives are much hardship. You say prayers at your convenings, but what for?

I think the intent of this bill is back door snooping into people's lives for no apparent nor valid reason. Could also be a justification for law enforcement taking excessive liberties.

It is redundant legislation. There are already ways and means to pursue these concerns.