



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 1179, S.D. 1, RELATING TO COURT ORDERS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR INMATES AND DETAINEES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

**DATE:** Monday, February 25, 2013 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Richard W. Stacey, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General strongly supports this bill.

This bill clarifies that petitions for involuntary medication of inmates may be filed in district court, in addition to circuit court; expands the time period for petitions to be filed from two days to five days; adds definitions of danger of harm to self and danger of harm to others; modifies the required notification process where the subject of the petition is already in custody; and allows the petitioners to file either declarations or affidavits, a process that follows modern court rules. These amendments are proposed to allow for a more efficient and responsive court process, enabling medical staff in various correctional facilities to provide critical and necessary medical treatment in a more timely fashion, resulting in the improved mental and physical status of inmates.

We respectfully request that this bill be passed.