



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 2671, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**LATE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 25, 2016

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 308

**TESTIFIER(S):** Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or  
Lance M. Goto, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General submits comments.

The purpose of this bill is to require chiefs of police and agencies of State and county government that have the power of arrest to provide crime incident reports to the Attorney General as necessary for the Attorney General to operate a statewide crime reporting program and cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Counties and State agencies shall be fined for noncompliance by county and State agencies with the reporting requirements prescribed by the Attorney General.

As the bill is intended to assist the Department in operating a statewide crime reporting program, the Department offers comments. The Department notes that there are no legal or constitutional issues with this bill.

The Department does not support or oppose the proposed fine penalty provision, but will need some time to study and address the administrative questions raised by this provision and determine how it would be able to implement this penalty provision. For these reasons, we respectfully request that if the committee chooses to pass out the bill, it change the effective date to January 1, 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.