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## **NEUTRAL TESTIMONY ON SB 282 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE**

## MISTER CHAIR; MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on this matter which I, for one, continue to consider of grave importance. First; full disclosure. **SB 282** passed the Senate with only one (1) dissenting vote. I am that one "NO" vote. Secondly, both of my concerns (presented by "balloon" amendments now before you) were presented during G.O. before the Senate's Committee of the Whole by me and were not adopted.

I appear today as a "NEUTRAL" conferee because the underlying bill, I believe, makes sense and could produce a sound public policy in an effort to reduce car chases initiated by law enforcement. But, you Mr. Chairman and each of you as Members of the Judiciary, have an opportunity to **both** define *and* delegate in this bill where the Senate has failed to do so. Should you choose to do so, as the Ranking member of the Senate Judiciary, I herein assure you that I will defend the amended **SB 282** before the Senate and/or, if need be, in conference.

I'll be brief and would be pleased to stand for any question(s) at the appropriate time.

 Define a distance in statute for "felony eluding" as failure to stop within one half of a mile or more from first warning (sight and/or sound) by initiating law enforcement,

AND

 Designate all financial proceeds from the forfeited vehicles to Crime Victim's Fund (or some other service oriented, state generated fund; not law enforcement.)

Thank you again for your considerations. I'm now happy to stand for any questions you have.

David Haley, Ranking Mihofity, Senate Judiciary

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