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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB327
January 21, 2016**

Chairman King and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB327. That support hinges on the understanding that allowing hearsay testimony in preliminary hearings is consistent with testimony methods provided in grand juries and it still protects the defendants existing right to full testimony in jury trials. Provided the legal integrity of the hearing process is preserved, if this bill is enacted it will result in substantial increase of efficiency of law enforcement personnel and decrease in overtime expenditures for court appearances.

It will especially have a positive impact on officers who work night shifts. These officers spend a substantial amount of off-duty time appearing for preliminary hearings, which further challenges their sleep patterns and time away from family.

We encourage you to recommend the bill favorably for passage.

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