

HB 313 -- VICTIM IMPACT PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Bromley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention by a vote of 8 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill requires a person who has pled guilty to or been found guilty of driving while intoxicated to complete a victim impact program approved by the court, except for good cause shown, and makes him or her responsible for any charges imposed by the program.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 1488 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would save a lot of hardship for victims and for offenders. Judges currently have a lot of discretion for how they apply punishment and assign to treatment. It is important that people hear what it is like for the victims who have been affected. The program hosts would have to be approved by the judge before someone would be assigned to participate in a particular program.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bromley; Arnie Dienoff Tiffany Marler, Nomoretears21:4, and Special Forces of Liberty.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.