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I submit this testimony in opposition to HB 3379 and for the purpose of establishing a clear legislative record.

HB 3379 expands criminal liability while relying on undefined and subjective standards.

The bill imposes criminal penalties for failure to report within a “reasonable time” and for conduct tied to what a person “should have known,” yet it does not define those terms with sufficient precision to guide behavior or limit enforcement.

These are not peripheral details.

They are the standards that determine criminal guilt.

**This bill conditions criminal exposure on:
 undefined timelines
 subjective interpretations of “reasonable cause”
 and a lowered, inconsistent mental state**

As written, individuals are required to comply with a law that does not clearly define what compliance is.

That is where enforcement risk begins.

The bill applies these standards across a broad range of professions, including healthcare personnel, emergency responders, and financial employees—individuals who routinely make real-time decisions under pressure.

HB 3379 places those individuals at risk of criminal prosecution based on how those decisions are later interpreted, rather than on clearly defined statutory conduct.

The state’s own fiscal analysis confirms that this bill will produce new criminal enforcement and increased incarceration.

This is not a neutral regulatory framework.

It is a punitive expansion with acknowledged downstream costs and system impact.

At the same time, the bill expands confidentiality provisions shielding reports, investigations, and related records, while attaching criminal and professional consequences to those same processes.

**This creates a structural imbalance:
enforcement expands
transparency contracts**

Where that occurs, the risk of error—and challenge—increases.

The issues raised here are not abstract.

**They are identifiable from the face of the bill:
undefined standards governing criminal liability
inconsistent mental state application
and enforcement mechanisms operating with limited visibility**

These are the precise conditions under which statutes are tested.

**Clarity is not a policy preference in criminal law.
It is a requirement.**

This testimony is submitted to make clear that these concerns are evident at the time of consideration.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a “Do Not Pass.”



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