

SCR 91 / SR 56

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IDENTIFY A PLAN TO COLLECT UNADJUDICATED FINES AND TO CONSOLIDATE ITS BACKLOG OF WARRANTS.

Report Title:

Traffic Violations

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**TESTIMONY ON SCR 91 AND SR 56
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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) opposes SCR 91 and SR 56. These resolutions request PSD to identify a plan to collect unadjudicated fines and to consolidate its backlog of warrants. PSD is not responsible for collecting unadjudicated fines, the Judiciary is responsible for this function. Therefore, PSD should not be responsible to develop a plan to collect these fines. Further, PSD has been working with the County Police Departments and the Judiciary to improve on the backlog of warrants within the State. Since all the involved agencies are already working together to resolve this issue, this resolution is unnecessary.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.