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**Testimony of Stephen N. Ment  
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing  
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**House Bill 5029, An Act Concerning Methamphetamine**

Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Ment and I am here to testify on behalf of the Judicial Branch in regards to *House Bill 5029, An Act Concerning Methamphetamine*.

The Judicial Branch would respectfully request that the criminal penalties in Lines 48 through 57 be broken into separate subdivisions. This would allow the Branch to more accurately distinguish and record the particular offense committed, and the number of first and second offenses.

Also, it is unclear to us precisely how section 6 (b) would operate. This subsection provides that the court shall order a defendant to reimburse the state for cleanup costs. However it is not clear how the court would know the cost for remediation, whether this fine would be payable to the court or directly to the account, or whether there would be a sanction for non-payment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.