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Bill 6680 An Act concerning State Marshals , Judicial Marshals, Witness fees, and the Service of Process.

Bill 6681 An Act concerning the service of Restraining Orders for Relief from Domestic Abuse.

I think as a Marshal and an elected member of the Marshal's Advisory Board, it is quite easy to say that we are in favor of both of these bills but with some reservations.

Bill 6680 is a bill that we endorse as a technical change bill. It helps to clarify for the State Marshal and the legal community some of the issues of concern which have negatively impacted us. Specifically, it broadens service on a Limited Liability Corporation or LLC. It transfers the duty of payment of witness fees to the authority requesting the presence of the witness, and it tightens the loophole of indifferent persons who currently operate without benefit of insurance, training or oversight.

It is important to note that there is no fiscal impact on the State of Connecticut within our portion of this bill

The second bill which draws my attention today is HB 6681

As professionals within the legal community and as wives and husbands, Brothers and Sisters, Fathers and Mothers ourselves, ...we recognize the importance of Bill 6681 An Act concerning the service of Restraining Orders for Relief from Domestic Abuse. We believe that restraining Orders are a top priority and I would like to acknowledge the effort on the part of this committee to streamline the process. The system works well. With very few exceptions, nearly all Restraining Orders are served promptly. The very few which are not are the result of limited or no information as to the whereabouts of the respondent. There are improvements that could be made to insure greater success in this important mission of ours. The bill in, general, is a good bill but we have noticed some technical issues that we would have some concerns over. With that in mind we support the bill with the understanding that we would like the opportunity to sit down with this committee or its representatives and help make this a better bill and to participate in the language. Once again, let me restate, we agree that Restraining Orders are a crucial component of the system and look forward to helping to make it better.