



State of Connecticut
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

TESTIMONY OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

IN SUPPORT OF:

**S.B. No. 1114 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON RACIAL
AND ETHNIC DISPARITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 23, 2015

The Division of Criminal Justice supports S.B. No. 1114, An Act Concerning the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System, and respectfully recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT.

The Division of Criminal Justice has been active member of the Commission since the inception of the Commission in 2000. The Commission provides a vital opportunity for state agencies and members of the public the to meet and discuss the important issue of racial and ethnic disparity in the criminal justice system.

After nearly fifteen years in existence, the Commission assembled a working group to review its mission. This legislation is the result of that thoughtful process. The changes proposed in S.B. No. 1114 will make the Commission more inclusive by providing for a representative of the Asian Pacific American community and better focus the efforts of the Commission, particularly with an emphasis on multi-agency forums and training.

In conclusion, the Division supports this bill recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT for S.B. No. 1114. We thank the Committee for affording us the opportunity to offer input on this bill and we would be happy to answer any questions the Committee might have.