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S.B. 305, An Act Establishing a State Film Permitting Process

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **S.B. 305, *An Act Establishing a State Film Permitting Process***. The Branch is concerned with the bill as drafted.

This proposal would give the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development the authority to grant permits allowing producers of films, television and digital media to film in courthouses, including during court trials. In order to ensure compliance with court rules and safeguard the fairness of proceedings, we believe that the Branch should retain its current authority over permitting the use of cameras in courts. As such, we would respectfully ask that the language of the bill exclude Judicial Branch facilities from locations in which the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may grant a permit to film.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.