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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Planning and Development Committee Public Hearing
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**S.B. 332, An Act Establishing a Pilot Program for
Automated Speed Enforcement Devices**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding *S.B. 332, An Act Establishing a Pilot Program for Automated Speed Enforcement Devices*. The Judicial Branch has some questions and concerns with the bill as proposed.

The bill is silent on how issues would be addressed when the owner is not the operator of the vehicle. Would the owner who is not the operator need to take time off from his or her day or work to appear in court to contest the ticket?

Furthermore, the police would not be able to verify that a ticket was received by the operator, and the bill does not contemplate what would occur if a mailed ticket is returned as undeliverable. Our Centralized Infractions Bureau would have its copy of the ticket, yet no knowledge that the operator had their copy. This may result in numerous license suspensions for not responding because the operator did not receive the ticket in the mail.

Additionally the bill does not consider how police would handle a situation in which the operator could also be charged with additional offenses such as operating without a license, or operating under a suspended license.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.