

House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services

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HB21-1272 Supporting The Child Protection Ombudsman

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Shane Mitchell Against Self	Either someone is wanting to hide something, or someone is being lazy. This bill is outrageously ridiculous. No matter who you are, in relation to kids especially, if you have any information, you need to be made to testify or provide any pertinent information on oath. This bill allows too many loopholes and can create a noticeably big liability. It would become a thing of “why didn’t he do this, why didn’t he tell me this”. Example the employee or person has information, but has omitted a lot of information due to negligence etc and upon the ombudsman return, the ombudsman request certain information or a briefing, but they reply with “I didn’t have enough time to or I forgot.” They would need to be held accountable for any negligent actions and should be required to be scrutinized after the ombudsman returns to the position. An employee or person acting on the ombudsman behalf should be held accountable for their actions just as much as any other person working directly with kids or In any other governmental office position. Require the interim to testimony and provide all necessary documents requested. If this can’t be done do not allow anyone to interim for the ombudsman.