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Senator Jane Kitchel, Chair Senate Appropriations, Room 5

Senator Dick Sears, Chair Senate Judiciary, Room 1

RE:

S.86 (Criminal procedure; expungement)

S.86 As Introduced

Dear Chairs Kitchel and Sears:

We understand that on March 2, the House passed their bill on expungements (H.171) and that bill is now in Senate Judiciary. We conducted an analysis of potential fiscal impact of H.171 on the Judiciary and found that the cost to implement would be approximately \$225,000 annually. A copy of the impact statement prepared by Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations, and provided to House Appropriations and House Judiciary is attached.

We have reviewed the Senate's bill (S.86) as introduced on expungements, and we find that there would be no significant impact for the Judiciary if S.86 were to pass in its current form. Enclosed please find an impact statement prepared by Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations on S.86.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Gabel, Esq. State Court Administrator

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