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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:38 AM  
**To:** Amber Burke  
**Cc:** Shuma, Christina  
**Subject:** Re: House Judiciary Testimony Requested [H.629 access to adoption records]

Correct, the Department does not need to testify.

Best,  
David

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Good morning,

Does this mean VDH does not need to testify regarding this bill?

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Amber:

This would not have an impact on VDH or consumers in terms of persons seeking vital records. Such a request would be treated like any other person seeking such documents.

Best,  
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Good morning,

I was advised to reach out to you by Christina Shuma of DCF. The House Judiciary Committee is working on bill H.629, access to adoption records (you can find the most recent draft of this bill on the legislative website). It has come to our attention that the committee should reach out to the Department of Health, and that you may be the best person to point us in the right direction of who to invite to testify. We are curious about DOH's process, future implications for costs, resources, workload, etc when it comes to adopted individuals gaining more unfettered access to their original birth certificates. We would like to hear from someone from DOH regarding these processes on **Wednesday morning at 10:45 am via zoom**. Please let me know who I should speak with at DOH who can help the committee better understand these processes.

Thank you,

**Amber Burke, J.D.**



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