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To: Senate Human Resources Committee

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**Proposed Amendment to SB 82**

Statement of Intent

- a) The circumstances surrounding an outbreak of a potentially devastating communicable disease would be frightening to all concerned, but if a family member was detained and the family was not notified for 24 hours, it would be immeasurably worse. A phone call to the family as soon as possible could ease unnecessary stress and anger.
- b) Assure that the right to testify in one's own behalf is preserved.
- c) In the rare instance where a person was detained for unjustified reasons and a court so rules, avoid the further injustice that would result if that person were then made to pay for the counsel appointed to defend him.

Proposed Amendments

- a) At any time a person is detained, add a right to a phone call as soon as possible. This would need to be added several places in the bill (for example, Sec. 17 ss 2) or it could be added as a separate section.
- b) In Sec. 22, page 12, line 1, strike "may, at the discretion of the court, testify" and replace with "and has the right to testify on his own behalf."
- c) Revise Sec. 20 so that if a person who challenges an involuntary isolation or quarantine in court prevails and the court determines the isolation or quarantine was not justified, that person is not charged with the expense of the counsel appointed to defend him.