

TAKE FIVE MINUTES TO SUPPORT KEEPING YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM

SB 838 is a bill that would expand the kinds of cases in which youth accused of crimes can be directly filed in the adult criminal system instead of juvenile court.

In certain cases, this bill would require no hearing, no weighing of the facts of the case, and no consideration of the young person’s amenability to the rehabilitative services available in the juvenile system before sending him or her to the adult criminal system to face adult penalties. If SB 838 passes, it means an attorney with the county district attorney’s office will make the decision whether a youth should be in the juvenile or adult system.

Please call the Senate Public Safety Committee members and urge them to vote no when SB 838 comes before the committee on April 29th, 2014.

THESE ARE VERY QUICK AND EASY CALLS.

Typically you are asked by the person who answers the phone to state your name and whether you support or oppose a bill. You won’t be asked specific questions, in fact, in most cases they don’t even want you to state the reasons why you oppose. Your call could go something like this:

Hello, my name is _____, and I am calling because I oppose a bill that is scheduled to be heard before the Public Safety Committee on April 29th.

I urge Senator _____ to vote no on SB 838 because (say something brief, for example:) I believe youth should be kept in the juvenile system where they will get better rehabilitative services.

or

I believe judges, not prosecuting attorneys, should be making the decision whether to send a youth to the adult system.

Will you please pass on my strong opposition to the senator? Thank you.

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