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I hope that the Supreme Court adopts the proposed changes, they will lessen three problems we see in the criminal justice system. The first is the burden of multiple court dates that comes with being accused of a crime and can cause defendants with limited incomes to scramble to look for child care or transportation to court and to miss work. The second is the multitude of bench warrants that issue when defendants miss court. The third is the proliferation of charges of bail jump that can, even after the passage of ESHB 2231, be unduly harsh and coerce defendants into plea bargains. This will greatly improve and lessen the burden on poor and limited income families. It will also allow the courts to handle an appropriate number of clients in one court room. Thank you for your time.

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