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Post-Conviction DNA Testing Expands Under House Bill

Under a landmark bill that passed the House this morning, former convicts who may have been wrongfully convicted will have the opportunity to pursue post-conviction DNA testing to prove their innocence.

[House Bill 3206](#) expands access to post-conviction DNA testing for felons—previously it was only available for those convicted of murder or sex crimes. It also creates a more reasonable standard by which a judge determines whether or not a person should have access to testing.

“This bill is about one thing - innocence,” said Rep. Jennifer Williamson. “It is about making sure that when our justice system is wrong, we have a way to make it right.”

During testimony on the bill in the House Judiciary Committee, Washington state exonoree Ted Bradford shared his story of being wrongfully convicted. Ted spent 10 years in prison before he was exonerated through DNA evidence.

“After this long struggle, to finally be able to say I’m free, I’m clear of all this, I’m exonerated, it means the world to me,” said Ted.

HB 3206 passed the House unanimously and now heads to the Senate.

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