

SB 787 is a very well-intended bill but misses the mark. It expands the law to theoretically help protect off duty drivers and transit workers. The problem is the district attorneys have not prosecuting crimes against drivers and transit workers now. The DA's have a catch and release policy which further endangers the victim. The victim can then have to face the offender a second, third or fourth time. Then the criminal is not prosecuted. Passing a law that will be ignored by a criminal and the district attorney is not a solution. The legislature needs to force DA's to prosecute or lose public funding if that is what it takes to enforce existing laws.