

SB 901 would expand the power of the Department of Human Services Child Protective Services. Giving expanded subpoena power is not appropriate. DHS and local law enforcement jointly handle investigations of reported abuse. Law enforcement has investigative subpoena procedures in conjunction with prosecuting attorneys. They work as a team. Letting DHS work outside this team, given their history of massive errors, and the need to work together with law enforcement, it is a step too far. There was no testimony listed on OLIS. The single Committee verbal testimony sign up was opposed. DHA itself did not submit testimony on the bill. No school testified on the bill. Should DHS and law enforcement find in the future there is an issue, then maybe it could be considered then. For now, this statewide expansion is not merited in any manner.