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**Program Review and Investigations Committee
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Raised Bill No. 148

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE WEAPONIZATION OF DRONES BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW
AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY**

The Office of Chief Public Defender supports ***Raised Bill No. 148, An Act Concerning the Weaponization of Drones Based on a Program Review and Investigations Committee Study.*** The Office notes that the entirety of this Raised Bill is contained within another ***Raised Bill, No. 5274, An Act Concerning the Use of Drones,*** currently scheduled for a public hearing on March 1, 2016 before the Public Safety Committee.

The Office of Chief Public Defender supports ***Raised Bill No. 5274,*** with only minor concerns regarding two provisions of that Raised Bill and will be submitting written testimony in support as well as presenting live testimony before the committee. The Office of Chief Public Defender is willing to collaborate on revised language with the intent to eliminate its concerns.