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***Raised House Bill No.7288  
An Act Concerning Court-Ordered Conditions in Pretrial Diversionary Programs  
Judiciary Committee  
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The Office of Chief Public Defender supports *Raised Bill 7288, An Act Concerning Court-Ordered Conditions in Pretrial Diversionary Programs*. The bill does not eliminate the court's discretion to set conditions, while removing any requirement to always impose alcohol and drug testing as conditions for persons granted the Accelerated Rehabilitation or Pretrial Supervise Diversionary Program For Persons With Psychiatric Disabilities program, unless the offense is alcohol or drug related. The offenses covered pursuant to this bill would be breach of peace, disorderly conduct and motor vehicle violation that are not alcohol or drug related. As a result, conditions imposed would be relevant to these offenses and not ones that are always imposed in every case. In addition, the bill would prevent the transfer of persons charged with these offenses to drug-dependent dockets, where they may exist, when the offense was not alcohol or drug related. This is a more fair approach and may even saving financial resources of those agencies currently required to conduct such testing which is not necessary.