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Statement of State Representative Jim Thompson  
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House Bill 4026 Addressing distribution of negative reports from DUI Interlock devices

For the past several years, I along with other members of both caucuses have worked with a broad group of individuals addressing the numerous issue surrounding driving under the influence. Many of those issues were brought forward last year and will be reintroduced next year.

However one issue identified in the legislation discussed last legislative session, was the lack of statutory direction for the reports generated by interlock devices installed in individual's vehicles when convicted or on diversion for DUI and what happens when a negative report is generated.

The work group stressed the importance of clarifying how the reports are viewed and how often the reports should be sent to the courts when there is a negative report either from a person trying to start the car after drinking alcohol or the device was tampered with. This legislation addresses the responsibilities of the installer who downloads the reports and the agency or organization who receives the negative report. The bill also addresses the ability of the court to require newer IID technology for individuals on diversion whose device records a negative report- because of either tampering with the device or trying to start the car after drinking.

Amendments have been offered that offer clarification to the applicability of the bill and for interpretation by the courts. These amendments clarify the bill only applies to those on diversion, they delete a word all agree is not defined and should not be used, add a requirement to notify the defense attorney when a negative report is received by an agency or organization and add improved wording from the original bill .

The dash 8 amendments will be presented at work session which contains the concurred additions or deletions to the bill.

I appreciate your consideration of this legislation.

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