



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: SB 597

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### SUMMARY

Authorizes use of pseudonym, initials or other signifier instead of name of witness or victim in indictment when specified requirements are met. Limits disclosure of document containing name of witness or victim.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure the document submitted in a criminal case by the prosecutor which identifies the name of the victim of a sex crime when a pseudonym, initials or other signifier is used instead of the name of the victim in publicly available court records.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could learn the identity of victims of sex crimes.