

**HB 2539 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits juror from being identified by name during a court proceeding open to the public. Requires the names of jurors be made available to the parties to a proceeding.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Personal experiences with juror selection
- Concerns about jurors being publicly identified
- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

During jury selection for criminal and civil trials, jurors are often assigned numbers so that they are readily identifiable to the judge, parties, and court staff. However, there is no statewide requirement that potential jurors only be referred to by their assigned number and attorneys will often use names while questioning potential jurors.

House Bill 2539 prohibits a juror from being identified by name during a court proceeding open to the public, though it requires that the names of jurors be made available to the parties.