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I am opposed to HB 4135 because violence is ever present in our communities and nationally. The answer to the problems that have been created in society through news, media, gaming and the entertainment industry, where violence is exploited and glorified, is not more criminalization. The time, money and energy spent promoting violence can only logically result in people idolizing and normalizing it. Addressing "how" people are coming to the conclusion that threatening violent actions will solve their issues, have the desired outcome, or just be entertaining, in my opinion would be a better use of our time, money and energy. Understandably there is harm and trauma caused by the threat of violence - but it raises the question as to why we as society have allowed violence to dominate publicly accepted arena's that are just as harmful and detrimental. Continuing to use criminalization as a tool to address the outcomes that were created and allowed is not only a false solution, but it further contributes to the problems that exist within our communities and correctional systems. I do not support HB4135 and the creation of a new crime due to the continued negative impacts criminalization has especially on youth and persons experiencing mental health issues or crisis.