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I support this bill. Knowing an officer's identity is part of ensuring accountability for on duty actions. In addition, identification of a law enforcement officer is a component of procedural fairness, ensuring the person understands who is taking them into custody and under what authority. When law enforcement officers do not identify themselves, it can lead to a lack of accountability and transparency, potentially resulting in abuses of power. This practice can also create confusion and fear within the community, as individuals may not know who is enforcing the law or whether they are interacting with legitimate officers.