

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-483 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF DIGITAL FORGERY.

Vote Date: 3/23/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/18/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill establishes the offense of digital forgery, which occurs when a person generates or distributes a digitally manipulated visual or audio representation of an identifiable individual with the intent to defraud or injure someone.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language strikes the word "offense" and insert "defense" in lieu thereof in line 26.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Trevor Ellis

Date: March 26, 2026