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On Behalf Of: SB1576
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

I am writing with extreme concern about the proposed amendment to senate SB 1576 (identified as -4 or LC 228).

First let me be clear. I am not opposed to the idea. But as a citizen of Gilliam county we have not had time or the information to abolish our county judge position. It has been contentious as the court has been very secretive about what they are doing. This Friday amendment and Monday morning hearing and stating an emergency is clearly a way to try to cover for the Gilliam County Courts illegal vote on sending juvenile case to the circuit court on December 6th 2023. Therefore the first step in eliminating the Gilliam County Judge duties so they could get rid of the position. Keep in mind, at least one candidate had already filed to run for the judge position.

There has been full meeting rooms at the county court meeting the last two months with the majority in favor of learning more and if the structure of the court should change it should be done at the ballot box so the people of Gilliam County can decide.

One last point is that when a candidate files for an elective position, they know what the duties are and what the wage and benefits are. To change that after the court sees who has filed is wrong. In the case of one very qualified candidate they resigned a lucrative job to run before this issue came up. Would this person be burdened with losing all of their income. Seems very unfair and highly probably election interference.

Thank you for your hard work,
Most sincerely,

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