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I would like to say that SB-1576-4 amendment should not be passed. I believe that the Judicial Functions of Gilliam County should not be transferred to the Circuit Court in this surprise Legislation, after the county court has already tried to transfer this unlawfully to Circuit Court. They are trying to abolish the County Judge Position after an election has already started and someone has filed for the position. This does not seem right to do so, without first taking this to the citizens of the county to vote on, as a very big decision to make these changes that will effect the citizens directly. I would propose that legislation to relinquish probate jurisdiction may only take place by a vote of the people and not only a vote of County Court. This seems that only one of the five counties listed in this Legislation is actually in favor of doing this. If a vote of the people occurs and a county wants this change, then they should be accepted, otherwise leaving the other counties as is. Thank you.