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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 06FEB25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB287 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Rep. Andrea Reeb **Agency Name and Code:** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Amends statute outlawing using telephones to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy or offend (Sec. 30-20-12) to include social media and text messages; retains the fourth-degree felony penalty.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No fiscal implications to DPS.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

No significant issues, but DPS believes this bill could be useful in updating the law to current communication modes. The bill could easily be amended to go a bit further. As written, it fails to address other technological means of contacting people to threaten, harass, annoy, or intimidate them. For instance, direct messaging apps that are not necessarily associated with social media, while not as popular as they were in recent years, include Google Messaging, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft GroupMe, Signal, Threema, and Wire. Looking towards the future, there are existing artificial intelligence chatbots commonly used for customer service, healthcare, and educational use by many businesses and institutions that have human monitoring or allow for a human to be contacted if the chatbot cannot satisfactorily answer inquiries from users. People could harass the monitoring humans by using these platforms as well. An amendment to the bill could be made to cover these types of harassment, intimidation, etc., as well.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No performance implications to DPS.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

No administrative implications to DPS.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

No technical issues to DPS.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

No other substantive issues to DPS.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo will remain.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None at this time.