



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. KELLY A BREEN

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

10:30 AM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Breen.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Tyrone Carter, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou, Fink, Wendzel, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representatives Tyrone Carter and Arbit joined the committee remotely.

Representative Edwards moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 27, 2023.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 248 before the committee:

SB 248 (Sen. Lauwers)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2163a (MCL 600.2163a), as amended by 2018 PA 343.

Josh Skrzypczak, from Senator Lauwers' office, testified in support of SB 248. Questions and discussion followed.

Cortney Carl, representing Canine Advocates, testified with a neutral position on SB 248. Questions and discussion followed.

Paula Nelson, representing West Michigan Therapy, testified in support of SB 248.

Dan Cojanu, representing Canine Advocates, testified in opposition to SB 248. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 248, but did not wish to speak:

Ann M. Griffin, representing the State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section.

Ann M. Griffin, representing Michigan Humane.

Bee Freidlander, representing Attorneys for Animals, Inc.

Monica Martinez, representing the Michigan Judges Association.

Brandon Lanyon, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Nathan Triplett, representing the State Bar of Michigan.

Heath B. Lowry, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The Chair laid HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047 before the committee:

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| HB 4909 (Rep. Breen)      | A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending sections 5104, 5106, 5310, 5313, and 5409 (MCL 700.5104, 700.5106, 700.5310, 700.5313, and 700.5409), section 5106 as amended by 2017 PA 136, section 5310 as amended by 2000 PA 54, section 5313 as amended by 2012 PA 545, and section 5409 as amended by 2000 PA 463, and by adding section 5106a.            |
| HB 4910 (Rep. Tsernoglou) | A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending sections 5305, 5314, 5406, 5417, and 5418 (MCL 700.5305, 700.5314, 700.5406, 700.5417, and 700.5418), section 5305 as amended by 2017 PA 155, section 5314 as amended by 2018 PA 594, section 5406 as amended by 2000 PA 464, and sections 5417 and 5418 as amended by 2000 PA 312, and by adding section 5314a. |
| HB 4911 (Rep. Filler)     | A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending sections 5303, 5304, 5306, 5306a, 5312, and 5416 (MCL 700.5303, 700.5304, 700.5306, 700.5306a, 700.5312, and 700.5416), section 5303 as amended by 2017 PA 155, section 5306 as amended by 2019 PA 170, section 5306a as added by 2012 PA 173, and section 5312 as amended by 2000 PA 54.                        |
| HB 4912 (Rep. Borton)     | A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending sections 5414 and 5415 (MCL 700.5414 and 700.5415) and by adding section 5312a.  |
| HB 5047 (Rep. Coffia)     | A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending section 5106 (MCL 700.5106), as amended by 2017 PA 136, and by adding part 5A to article V.  |

Nicole Shannon and Alison Hirschel, both representing the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative, testified together in support of HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047. Questions and discussion followed.

Salli Pung, representing the Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, testified in support of HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047. Questions and discussion followed.

Nathan Piwowarski, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047.

Aaron Van Langevelde, representing the Michigan Department of Attorney General, and Scott Teter, representing the Elder Abuse Task Force, testified in support of HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911 and HB 4912, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Phelan, representing the Alzheimer's Association.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4910 and HB 5047, but did not wish to speak:

Alex Morris, representing the Michigan Bankers.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Lori Luoma, representing herself as a victim.

Cynthia Mifsud, representing her mother Betty Hayes.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 5047, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Pam Howe, representing herself as a victim of probate.

Tom Howe, representing himself as a victim of probate.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4909 and HB 4910, but due to the time constraints was unable to speak:

Genevieve Marnon, representing Right to Life of Michigan.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 5047, but due to the time constraints was unable to speak:

Jody White, representing victims and reform.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4911, but due to the time constraints was unable to speak:

Sean Bennett, representing himself.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Breen adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

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Representative Kelly Breen, Chair

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