



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. KELLY A BREEN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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, Johnsen.

Absent: Rep. Outman.

Excused: Rep. Outman.

Representative Edwards moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 21, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5429 before the committee:

HB 5429 (Rep. Morse)

A bill to create the court-appointed special advocate program; and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the court-appointed special advocate program and volunteers.

Representative Tyrone Carter moved to report out HB 5429 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Tyrone Carter, Hope, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wendzel, Wozniak, Johnsen.

The Chair laid HB 5534 and HB 5392 before the committee:

HB 5534 (Rep. Breen)

A bill to require the supreme court to analyze certain trial court costs and revenue sources; and to develop legislative proposals to change trial

court funding.

HB 5392 (Rep. Lightner)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 1k of chapter IX (MCL 769.1k), as amended by 2022 PA 199.

At 10:35 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:36 AM, Rep. Tyrone Carter called the committee back to order.

Chair Breen testified in support of HB 5534.

At 10:38 AM, Rep. Tyrone Carter laid the committee at ease.

At 10:39 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Rep. Lightner testified in support of HB 5392. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Boyd, State Court Administrator, and Trevor VanDyke, Deputy General Counsel, both representing the State Court Administrative Office, testified in support of HB 5534 and HB 5392. Questions and discussion followed.

Amanda Gibson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in support of HB 5534 and HB 5392. Questions and discussion followed.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of HB 5534 and HB 5392. Questions and discussion followed.

Hersanna Richards, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in support of HB 5534 and HB 5392. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 5534 and HB 5392, but did not wish to speak:

Noah Smith, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

Representative Hope moved to excuse Representative Outman from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Breen adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Representative Kelly Breen, Chair

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