



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. JIMMIE WILSON

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair, Representative Wilson.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Wilson, Weiss, Brixie, Mentzer, Morgan, Lightner, Cavitt, and Schuette.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Morgan joined the committee remotely.

Representative Weiss moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Honorable Judge Derek Meinecke, from the 44th District Court, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss Operation Drive, which is a driver license restoration program. Operation Drive started in 2013 with the goal of providing structure, information, and encouragement to program participants. Sentencing is delayed, all payment obligations are suspended, and review sessions are scheduled for participants of the program. During review sessions, the Court and attorneys help participants develop plans to resolve whatever outstanding matters exist that prevent them from having valid driver licenses. The Court and attorneys help participants navigate tasks at hand and assist them with challenges that arise. To date, 1,587 driver licenses have been restored.

Honorable Judges Travis Reeds and Maureen McGinnis, from the 52nd District Court appeared before the subcommittee remotely. They each discussed their experience with the program, their support for the program, and their interest in expanding the program to the 52nd District Court and statewide to all district courts. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Representative Jimmie Wilson, Chair

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