Public Policy Position HB 5266

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The Negligence Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 15 members. On February 23, 2022, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 4 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

This bill expands restrictions on injured parties from seeking compensation in court. Instead of expanding this liability limitation, the legislature should examine the impact this law has had on families since it's initial passage approximately 25 years ago, and it should review the fairness of the "gross negligence" standard.

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