



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

REP. KARA HOPE

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Criminal Justice was called to order by Chair Hope.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Hope, Andrews, Tyrone Carter, Young, Arbit, Dievendorf, Tsernoglou, Filler, Mueller, Bezotte, Harris, BeGole.

Absent: Rep. Breen.

Excused: Rep. Breen.

Representative Andrews moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 12, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560 before the committee:

HB 4556 (Rep. Hope)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending sections 12 and 25 of chapter IX (MCL 769.12 and 769.25), section 12 as amended by 2012 PA 319 and section 25 as added by 2014 PA 22, and by adding sections 27a, 27b, 27c, 27d, 27e, 27f, 27g, and 27h to chapter IX.

HB 4557 (Rep. Neeley)

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," by amending sections 33e and 34 (MCL 791.233e and 791.234), section 33e as amended by 2022 PA 28 and section 34 as amended by 2019 PA 14, and by adding section 34e.

HB 4558 (Rep. Wilson)

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled "William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act," by amending sections 13 and 41 (MCL 780.763 and

780.791), section 41 as amended by 2000 PA 503.

HB 4559 (Rep. McKinney)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17764 (MCL 333.17764), as amended by 2004 PA 214.

HB 4560 (Rep. Aiyash)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 16, 18, 200i, 204, 207, 209, 210, 211a, 227b, 316, 436, 520b, and 543f (MCL 750.16, 750.18, 750.200i, 750.204, 750.207, 750.209, 750.210, 750.211a, 750.227b, 750.316, 750.436, 750.520b, and 750.543f), sections 16, 18, 200i, 204, 207, 209, 210, 211a, 436, 520b, and 543f as amended by 2014 PA 23, section 227b as amended by 2015 PA 26, and section 316 as amended by 2022 PA 149.

Representative Wilson and Representative Aiyash testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560. Questions and discussion followed.

Ronald Simpson-Bey, representing Just Leadership USA, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Nabil Zebib, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Mary Lynn Stevens and Lawanda Hollister, testified together in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Alexandra Bailey, representing the Sentencing Project, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Jeffrey Morenoff, representing the University of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Noah Attal, representing the Ford School, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Anthony Forlini, representing himself as a former State Representative, testified with a neutral position on HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560. Questions and discussion followed.

Nazgol Ghandnoosh, representing the Sentencing Project, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Dr. Robert Kinscherff, representing the Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior, testified in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Jeff Getting, Kalamazoo Prosecutor, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

Questions and discussion followed.

Chief Dave Kirk, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, testified in opposition to HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Carol A. Siemon, former elected prosecutor.  
Paula Kensu, representing Proving Innocence.  
Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Sheriff.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Heath B. Lowry, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.  
Jane O'Shea, representing herself.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4556, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Avacely Hernandez, representing Rolando Hernandez.  
Cheryl Burke, representing the United Church of Christ.  
Kenan Kabbani, representing the Ford School.  
Gry Helen Nygard, representing herself.  
Vivian Hunter, representing herself.  
LuAnne Finn Szenay, representing herself.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560, but did not wish to speak:

Charmie Gholson, representing the Citizens for Prison Reform.  
Rachel Richards, Fiscal Policy & Government Relations Director, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.  
Carol Jacobsen, Professor at The University of Michigan, representing the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design, Women & Gender Studies, Law School.  
State Senator Paul Wojno.  
John Cooper, representing Safe and Just Michigan.  
Jazmine Wells, representing Safe and Just Michigan.  
Ronnie Waters, representing Safe and Just Michigan.  
Jessica Zimbelman, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.  
Jessica Zimbleman, representing the State Appellate Defender Office.  
Tony Gant, representing Nation Outside.  
Joe Haveman, representing Hope Network.  
Audrey Anderson, representing the National Lifers of America.  
Jana Mathieu, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.  
Shawanna Vaughn, representing Silent Cry Inc.  
Leah Bacon, representing the Center for Employment Opportunities.  
Bonnie Zabel, representing the People of Action Coalition and VAAC.  
Ricardo Ferrell, representing Justice and Fairness.  
Chuck Warpehoshi, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Mass Incarceration.  
Pete Martel, representing AFSC.

Allison Hanley, representing AFSC.  
Willa and Natalie Holbrook, representing AFSC.  
Cozine Welch, representing AFSC.  
Ken Tello, representing Nation Outside.  
Kay Perry, representing MI-CURE.  
Liz Black, representing ACLU of Michigan.  
Gregory Wines, representing himself.  
Cherie Price, representing Michael Edgerton.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4556, HB 4557, HB 4558, HB 4559 and HB 4560, but did not wish to speak:

David Guenther, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.  
Angela M. Povilaitis, J.D., representing the Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board.  
Matt Saxton, Executive Director, of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association.  
Aaron Van Langevelde, representing the Michigan Department of Attorney General.  
Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4556, but did not wish to speak:

Judy Karandjeff, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan.  
Claudia McLeen, representing herself.  
Beverly Combs, representing herself.  
Rashida Morgan, representing Cypress Lockett.  
Tausha, representing Abdul Alshimary.  
Willa Holbrook, representing herself.  
Jose Burgos, representing himself.  
Alicia Bowers, representing Jason Bowers and Brandon Edwards.  
Kristen Austin, representing herself.  
Mary Jane Neill, representing herself.  
Julia Blok, representing herself.  
Kenneth Lowman, representing himself.  
Maureen Hilton, representing herself.

Representative Tyrone Carter moved to excuse Representative Breen from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hope adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

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Representative Kara Hope, Chair

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