



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. GRAHAM FILLER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

11:30 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Filler, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Absent: Reps. LaFave, Howell, Rendon.

Excused: Reps. LaFave, Howell, Rendon.

Representative Farrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 1, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101 before the committee:

HB 6030 (Rep. Albert)

A bill to provide minimum requirements for claims alleging exposure to COVID-19; establishing liability standards for claims alleging exposure to COVID-19; precluding liability if conduct complies with regulations, orders, or public health guidance; and limiting liability with respect to certain products made, sold, or donated in response to COVID-19.

HB 6031 (Rep. Brann)

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," (MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094) by adding section 85.

HB 6032 (Rep. Filler)

A bill to prohibit an employer from taking certain actions against an employee who does not report to work under certain circumstances related to COVID-19; to prohibit an employee from reporting to work under certain circumstances

related to COVID-19; to prohibit discrimination and retaliation for engaging in certain activities; to provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

HB 6101 (Rep. Byrd)

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," (MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094) by adding sections 85 and 85a.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber, and Cary Silverman, representing the American Tort Reform Association, testified in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101. Questions and discussion followed.

Steve Loftis, representing Harbor Restaurants, testified in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101. Questions and discussion followed.

Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Chamber, testified in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101. Questions and discussion followed.

Deb Freid, representing the Michigan Association of Justice, testified in opposition to HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101. Questions and discussion followed.

Charlie Owen, representing the NFIB, testified in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101. Questions and discussion followed.

Robert Riley, representing the State Bar of Michigan Negligence Law Section, testified in opposition to HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim Hunsanger, representing the MSU Federal Credit Union, testified in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Dave Greco, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Dan Hurley, representing the Michigan Association of State Universities.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Tim Greimel, representing the AFSCME Council 25.

Marla Linderman, representing the Michigan Association for Justice.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101, but did not wish to speak:

John Lindley, representing the Michigan Association of CPAs.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6030, HB 6031 and HB 6032, but did not wish to speak:

Patrick Fucik, representing T-Mobile.

The Chair laid SB 321 before the committee:

SB 321 (Sen. LaSata)

A bill to amend 2004 PA 177, entitled "Michigan law enforcement officers memorial act," by amending section 5 (MCL 28.785), as amended by 2013 PA 242.

Senator LaSata, and Judge Gary Bruce, testified in support of SB 321.

Barrien County Undersheriff, Chuck Heit, testified in support of SB 321.

Mary Johnson, representing the herself, testified in support of SB 321.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 321, but did not wish to speak:

Kyle Kaminski, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Sgt. Chris Gerard, representing the Michigan State Police.

Representative Farrington moved to excuse Representatives LaFave, Howell and Rendon from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Filler adjourned the meeting at 1:23 PM.

Representative Graham Filler, Chair

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