

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HJ-211

RESOLUTION GRANTING THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER AN EXTENSION OF
Title: TIME TO DISPOSE OF THE CLAIM OF BARBARA MAKARA.

Vote Date: 4/8/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/26/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill grants the claimant, Barbara Makara, permission to sue the state in accordance with subsection (c) of section 4-159a of the general statutes. The claimant's action shall be brought no later than one year from the date of the final adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language grants claimant Barbara Makara permission to sue the state. The original language granted the Claims Commissioner a one-year extension to dispose of Barbara Makara's claim.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

D. Lincoln Woodard, Attorney, Walsh Woodard LLC; opposes this bill providing a detailed history of the claim, including the related procedural issues stemming from the case. It is

stated that in 2018, the State's Counsel consented to the order authorizing suit against the state in Superior Court. Despite this ruling, in 2019, 2020 & 2021, the Office of the Claims Commissioner requested extensions of time to dispose of the claim. It is stated that the committee should grant the client permission to sue based on the 2018 decision.

Claimant, Barbara Scott (Makara); opposes this bill briefly stating details of the case and urged the committee not to grant the Claims Commissioner a one-year extension to resolve this case and urges the committee to grant permission to sue the state.

Reported by: Peter B. Andrews

Date: 4/16/2021