

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HJ-270
RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER

Title: AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN CLAIMS.

Vote Date: 4/8/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/26/2021

File No.: 607

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill grants the Claims Commissioner an extension of one year from the final adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly to dispose of the 32 claims against the state listed in the bill.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language consolidated the claims of 30 claimants (32 claims) into one resolution for efficiency and simplicity due to the volume of claims extensions.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Brown Paindiris & Scott, LLP, Sean Michael Peoples, Esq. supports Section 16 of the substitute language on behalf of their client Loretta Lynn Small. It is stated that the claimant fell at the Wethersfield Department of Motor Vehicles in April of 2014. It is stated that case is ongoing, and the extension is supported.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Estate of Amanda Monington, Administrator, Melissa Steinhilper; opposes HJ 296 (Section 27 of the substitute language) on behalf of her niece who passed away eight years ago. This

has caused the family a lasting profound impact, as well as, daily unrest. We ask that the extension in this case be denied and the family be allowed to proceed to sue the State of Connecticut. It is requested that the administrator be allowed to sue the State of Connecticut on behalf of the claimant.

Reported by: Rick O'Neil, Assistant Clerk

Date: April 21, 2021