



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

REP. KARA HOPE

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 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, Breen, Young, Arbit, Dievendorf, Tsernoglou, Filler, Mueller, Bezotte, Harris, BeGole.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Tsernoglou moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 18, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661 before the committee:

HB 4655 (Rep. Young)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending sections 6 and 6a of chapter V (MCL 765.6 and 765.6a), section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 167, and by adding section 6g to chapter V.

HB 4656 (Rep. Hope)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 6b of chapter V (MCL 765.6b), as amended by 2014 PA 316, and by adding section 6f to chapter V.

HB 4658 (Rep. Tyrone Carter)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 44, entitled "An act to provide for the release of misdemeanor prisoners by giving bond to the arresting officer in certain circumstances not inconsistent with public safety; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 1 (MCL 780.581), as amended

by 1990 PA 308.

HB 4659 (Rep. Young)

A bill to repeal 1966 PA 257, entitled "An act to provide for bail of persons arrested for or accused of criminal offenses involving traffic offenses or misdemeanors; by prescribing the conditions under which security is required; by prescribing the kind and amount of security required; by prescribing the conditions under which security may be forfeited and the manner of forfeiture; by prescribing penalties for violations; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 780.61 to 780.73).

HB 4660 (Rep. Meerman)

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 311 and 727 (MCL 257.311 and 257.727), section 311 as amended by 1983 PA 63 and section 727 as amended by 2008 PA 463; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

HB 4661 (Rep. Grant)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 165 (MCL 750.165), as amended by 2014 PA 377.

Representative Young, Representative Grant, Representative T. Carter, and Representative Meerman testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661. Questions and discussion followed.

William C. McConico, representing the 36th District Court, testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

DJ Hilson, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

Claudine Constant, representing the Vera Institute of Justice, testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

Philip Mayer, representing the ACLU of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661. Questions and discussion followed.

Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller, testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

David Gaspar, representing The Bail Project, testified in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

Judge AT Frank, representing the Michigan District Judges Association, testified in opposition to HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

Dan Pfannes, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, testified in opposition to HB

4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

Jeff Clayton, representing the American Bail Coalition, testified in opposition to HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Anna White, representing the Ottawa Assistant Public Defender.

John Cooper, representing Safe & Just Michigan.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661, but did not wish to speak:

Keith den Hollander, representing the Christian Coalition.

Jessica Zimbelman, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

Jacqui Dolce, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber.

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Nathan Triplett, representing the State Bar of Michigan.

Lisel Petis, JD, representing the R Street Institute.

Ally Alfonsetti, representing Prison Fellowship.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661, but did not wish to speak:

Aaron Van Langevelde, representing the Michigan Department of Attorney General.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658, HB 4659, HB 4660 and HB 4661, but did not wish to speak:

Stephanie Johnson, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Samantha Gibson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Matt Sowash, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4660, but did not wish to speak:

Jess Averill, representing the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4655, HB 4656, HB 4658 and HB 4661, but did not wish to speak:

Jess Averill, representing the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

The following person submitted a card with no position on HB 4659, but did not wish to speak:

Jess Averill, representing the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hope adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

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Representative Kara Hope, Chair

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