

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING Rep. Kevin Coleman

Chair

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:30 AM Room 326, House Office Building

The House Economic Development and Small Business Subcommittee on Housing was called to order by Chair Coleman.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Coleman, Dievendorf, Stone, Scott, Andrews, Grant, Tsernoglou, Aragona, Zorn, Fink, DeBoyer. Absent: None. Excused: None.

Representative Andrews moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 28, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4891 before the committee:

HB 4891 (Rep. Andrews)

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled "An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties," (MCL 554.601 to 554.616) by amending the title and by adding section 7a.

Representative Scott moved to refer HB 4891 to the Committee on Economic Development and Small Business. The motion prevailed 7-4-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Coleman, Dievendorf, Stone, Scott, Andrews, Grant, Tsernoglou. Nays: Reps. Aragona, Zorn, Fink, DeBoyer. Pass: None.

- The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4891, but did not wish to speak: Heath Lowry, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Jesse Estrada White, representing Rent is Too Damn High. MoReno Taylor II, representing Fund Michigan Future. Monica Jahner, representing the NorthWest Initiative ARRO Advocacy. Lisa Chapman, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness.
- The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4891, but did not wish to speak: John Lindley, representing the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association. Jim Kirsch, representing the Property Management Association of Michigan.

The Chair laid HB 4919 before the committee:

HB 4919 (Rep. Dievendorf)

A bill to establish a bill of rights for the homeless; and to provide a remedy for violation of those rights.

Representative Dievendorf testified in support of HB 4919. Questions and discussion followed.

Marsha Parrott-Boyle testified in support of HB 4919.

William Walker testified in support of HB 4919.

Kyle Richard, representing Rent is Too Damn High, testified in support of HB 4919.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4919, but did not wish to speak:
William Lawrence, representing Rent is Too Damn High.
Rowan Price.
Kelsey Brianne, representing Rent is Too Damn High and For Our Future.
Noah A. Hawkins, representing Rent is Too Damn High.
MoReno Taylor II, representing Fund Michigan Future.
Jesse Estrada White, representing Rent is Too Damn High.
Monica Jahner, representing the NorthWest Initiative ARRO Advocacy.
Lisa Chapman, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness.

The Chair laid HB 4878 before the committee:

HB 4878 (Rep. Aiyash)
 An act to prohibit landlords from requiring certain disclosures from certain applicants for rental units or taking adverse actions against certain applicants based on certain disclosures; to provide exceptions; to require the promulgation of rules; to provide remedies; to prescribe civil sanctions; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

Representative Aiyash, joined by Dr. Niloufer Taber, representing the Vera Institute of Justice, both testified in support of HB 4878. Questions and discussion followed.

Sheriff Chris Swanson, representing the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, testified in support of HB 4878.

Jessica Henry, representing Nation Outside, testified in support of HB 4878.

Jordan Else, representing Wessinger Properties, testified in support of HB 4878.

Megan Brooks, representing Avalon Housing, testified in support of HB 4878.

Gabriel Biber, representing Haven House, testified in support of HB 4878.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4878, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

William Walker. William Lawrence, representing Rent is Too Damn High and Nation Outside.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4878, but did not wish to speak: Karalyn Grimes, representing Neighbor to Felons. Judy Karandjeff, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan. Heath Lowry, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Trisha Washburn, representing Nation Outside and Rent is Too Damn High. Jim Schaafsma, representing the Michigan Poverty Law Program. Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy. Noah A. Hawkins, representing Rent is Too Damn High. MoReno Taylor II, representing Fund Michigan Future. Jesse Estrada White, representing Rent is Too Damn High. Monica Jahner, representing the NorthWest Initiative ARRO Advocacy. Lisa Chapman, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness. Emme Zanotti, representing Equality Michigan. Nancy Haynes, representing the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan. Kelley Kellis, representing the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan. Catherine Distelrath, representing the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4878, but did not wish to speak:
Dawn Crandall, representing the Home Builders Association of Michigan.
John Lindley, representing the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association.
Doug Merriam, representing Michigan Realtors.
Jim Kirsch, representing the Property Management Association of Michigan.
Forrest Wall, representing the Apartment Association of Michigan.
Erika Farley, representing the Rental Property Owners Association of Michigan.
Nate Love, representing the Consumer Data Industry Association.
Tim Langholz, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Representative Kevin Coleman, Chair

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