

House Criminal Justice Committee
Minutes
June 24, 2021

Chair LaRe called the meeting of the House Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:07am in Statehouse Room 313. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous committee meeting were read and approved without objection.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 276 for its first hearing.

Representative Schmidt motioned to adopt with amendment AM_134_1490. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Representative Schmidt motioned to adopt with amendment AM_134_1489. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Representative Powell and Representative Schmidt were present and gave sponsor testimony.

Chair LaRe called Substitute Senate Bill 126 for its first hearing.

Senator Kunze and Senator Gavarone were present and gave sponsor testimony.

Senator Kunze and Senator Gavarone responded to questions asked by committee members.

Kathleen Wiant was present and gave proponent testimony.

Tyler Perino was present and gave proponent testimony

Tyler Perino responded to questions asked by committee members.

Senator Kunze and Senator Gavarone responded to questions asked by committee members.

Written testimony was submitted by Jenny Hall Jones, C. Todd Jones, Andrew D. Powers, Melissa Shivers, Bruce Johnson, Lamar Hylton, Wade McKenzie, John Messina, Cory and Sheri Foltz, Kimberly Moore and Ann James, and Joe Whitehead.

Representative Abrams motioned to favorably report Substitute Senate Bill 126.

Substitute Senate Bill 126 was favorably reported.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 44 for its fourth hearing.

Representative Setiz motioned to adopted with amendment AM_134_1080. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Vice-Chair Swearingen motioned to favorably report House Bill 44.

House Bill 44 was favorably reported.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 22 for its fifth hearing.

Larry Bresler was present and gave opponent testimony.

Amanda Hays, Justice Coordinator with First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, was present and gave opponent testimony.

Paul E. Sherlock was present and gave opponent testimony.

Susan O'Donnell was present and gave opponent testimony.

P.M. Pinkney was present and gave opponent testimony.

John Spencer was present and gave opponent testimony.

John Spencer responded to questions asked by committee members.

Randy Cunningham was present and gave opponent testimony.

Randy Cunningham responded to questions asked by committee members.

Michael Macrae Edmiston was present and gave opponent testimony.

Michael Macrae Edmiston responded to questions asked by committee members.

Written testimony was submitted by Joanie Calem, Lynn Buffington, Deborah K. Cooper, Mark Dennis Fritz, Alana Jochum, Sarah Inskeep, Jaime Miracle, Folabi Olagbaju, Marsita Ferguson, Barbara J. Mallin, Clarissa Epps, Lisa Regula, Sandy Bolzenius, Loh, and Joe Mallory.

Chair LaRe called committee at-ease at 10:57am.

Chair LaRe reconvened committee at 11:06am

Representative Abrams motioned to favorably report House Bill 22.

House Bill 22 was favorably reported.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 109 for its third hearing.

Representative Abrams motioned to adopt with amendment AM_134_1457. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Joan VanBecelaere, Executive Director with Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio, was present and gave opponent testimony.

Kristen Beireis was present and gave opponent testimony.

David Lima, member of the leadership team with Showing Up for Racial Justice Northeast Ohio Chapter, was present and gave opponent testimony.

David Lima responded to questions asked by committee members.

Larry Bresler was present and gave opponent testimony.

Sandy Bolzenius was present and gave opponent testimony.

Sandy Bolzenius responded to questions asked by committee members.

David Guaran was present and gave opponent testimony.

David Guaran responded to questions asked by committee members.

Written testimony was submitted by Paul E. Sherlock, Kei Graves, Randy Cunningham, Amanda Hays, Loh, Joanie Calem, Kevin Cronin, Julie Boetger, Arlene Schler, Michael Macrae Edmiston, Susan ODonnell, Terry D. Williams, Alana Jochum, Lynn Buffington, Jillian Dyer, Folabi Olagbaju, Jennifer Blakeney, Marsita Ferguson, and Barbara J. Mallin.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:54am.

Chair

Secretary