

Judiciary Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HJ-86

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS
COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF
MELISSA STEINHILPER, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF AMANDA

Title: MONINGTON.

Vote Date: 4/10/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/28/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

If the Claims Commissioner dismisses a claim, the claimant has the right to request that the General Assembly review the Commissioner's decision. The claim of Melissa Steinhilper, Administratrix of the Estate of Amanda Monington, was submitted to the Judiciary Committee from the Office of the Claims Commissioner with the annual submission of all claims requesting review by the General Assembly.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language vacates the decision of the Claims Commissioner, which ordered the dismissal of the claim against the state, and remands the file to the Claims Commissioner for a hearing on the merits.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

John Dolan, Counsel for Melissa Steinhilper, Administratrix of the Estate of Amanda Monington: He submitted testimony in opposition to the resolution, requesting that the General Assembly deny the resolution, vacate the decision of the Claims Commissioner, and authorize the claimant to sue the State.

Louise Gagne, Mother of Amanda Monington: She submitted testimony in opposition to the resolution, asking the General Assembly to authorize the claim to proceed in Superior Court. She believes her daughter's claim deserves to be heard as the Claims Commissioner permitted another claimant to proceed with their claim when they fell and were injured at the same location.

Reported by: Kirstin Breiner

Date: April 24, 2025