

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HJ-89

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS
COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF CIPRIANI

Title: BENEDETTO.

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 denies a claim, the claimant has the right to request that the General Assembly review the Commissioner's decision. The claim of Cipriani Benedetto 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.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The substitute language consolidated confirmation of denied claims of seven claimants into one resolution for efficiency and simplicity due to the volume; the original language only pertained to one claim.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

The following testimony was submitted for HJ 80:

Erika L. Amarante, Counsel for the State of Connecticut, Wiggan and Dana: She submitted lengthy testimony in opposition to the resolution, explaining why the Claims Commissioner appropriately denied the claimant's request to sue the State.

The following testimony was submitted for SJ 61:

George Dixon, Jr.: He submitted testimony in opposition to the resolution, as he believes there is strong and convincing evidence on appeal.

Katherine Ciolkosz: She submitted testimony in opposition to the resolution, providing details about how mentally, emotionally, and physically damaging her son's time in prison has been.

The following testimony was submitted for HJ 78:

Kristine Kulmacz: She submitted testimony in opposition to the resolution, providing details about her daughter's accident and expressing her frustration surrounding her interactions with Connecticut State Police Troop A.

Reported by: Kirstin Breiner

Date: April 24, 2025