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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4166 by Wu (Relating to persons considered to exercise certain constitutional rights for purposes of a motion to dismiss certain civil actions.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to provide that for certain motions to dismiss, only a party to a legal action is considered to exercise the right of free speech, right to petition, or right of association in the bringing or defending of the legal action. The bill would provide that a person hired by the party to assist the party in the legal action, including an attorney, expert witness, or paralegal, is not considered to exercise the right of free speech, right to petition, or right of association in connection with the bringing or defending of that legal action.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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