

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1804

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Hearing Date: March 25, 2021 8:00 AM

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Carla Rudichuk, Mrs.

Self - SAHM, Homeschool Teacher, Wife

Houston, TX

Public funds should absolutely NOT be used to pay or settle sexual harassment claims made against any members of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government or their staff! They should be taken from the person themselves. Each person should be held accountable for their own missteps.

TERRY TODD, MS.

SELF- PRECINCT CHAIR 109.

OVILLA, TX

STATE OR FEDERAL MONE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASES BROUGHT AGAINST STAE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND/OR THEIR STAFF.

Scean Smith

self

Clute, TX

Individuals who are accused must not be afforded tax dollars for defense. Two reasons- 1) The people did not commit the crime. 2) If the accuser knows that there is only justice and not a pay day then this will deter frivolous suites.

Frank Pomeroy

myself as a concerned citizen

Seguin, TX

I cannot imagine in any other occupation that the board would approve of their monies being used to defend the civil and sometimes criminal actions of their employees. If an employee has a sexual harassment allegation raised again them then it is their responsibility to defend themselves and seek restitution in a civil court for their expenses if found innocent and if found guilty then that is the consequences to their actions. At no time should tax payor money be used to defend something that most tax payers would find unconscionable. I humbly ask you to please pass this bill to protect tax payer money from being used against the wishes of most tax payers in our great state.

Debra Wolgemuth

Self Employed

Waco, TX

Please DO NOT use or allot any of our taxpayer funds to pay for sins of Texas government employees. The sinner is responsible for their sins. Transparency is of the essence and should not be withheld from public review.

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Amy Doyle  
Self/Registered Nurse  
Frisco, TX

This is long overdue!

Steve Hillier, Mr  
Retired tax payer  
Irving, TX

They should not be allowed to settle a sexual harassment claim with appropriation money, but should be removed from office or staff position without pension or any compensation.

Jason Carr  
Self - Associate  
Austin, TX

I am in support of this

Julie Dahlberg  
Self  
LA VERNIA, TX

I support HB1804 and believe that taxpayer funds should not be used to settle or pay sexual harassment claims made against state legislators or government officials or their staff. Please vote to pass this bill out of committee.

Kathleen Hill, Mrs  
Self  
The Hills, TX

Please PROHIBIT the use of tax payer money to defend, settle with, or pay a claim against a member of our state government. Just fire them on the spot. It will soon improve on its own.

Jo Foley  
Self N/A  
Henderson, TX

I am in favor of HB 1804. Sexual harassment should not be happening, but we know that it does, and sometimes claims are false, however, taxpayers should not have to pay off claimants for something claimed to be done by our legislators or their staff. That is an insult, a waste of OUR money and causes distrust of our legislators. This bill should be passed into law. If you won't pass it, then at the very least, there should be verified PUBLIC records of who the claim is against and HOW MUCH we, the taxpayers, had to pay for their actions. Vote for HB 1804.

Julie Kellogg  
self  
Corpus Christi, TX

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Vote yes, tax money should never be used to settle or pay any claim for sexual harassment for any government person, elected or otherwise. They chose to be elected or apply for the job, if they put themselves in a situation where allegations are made that's on them to deal with it, and pay for it. Use excellent judgement and self control to avoid the problem in the first place.