

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Government Operations, Elections and Consumer Protection

Senate Bill 117

Relating to: obtaining attorney fees and costs under the state's public records law when an authority voluntarily or unilaterally releases a contested record after an action has been filed in court.

By Senators Stroebel, Ballweg, Cabral-Guevara, Cowles, Felzkowski, Nass, Quinn, Roys and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Novak, Swearingen, Allen, Armstrong, Baldeh, Behnke, Bodden, Brooks, Edming, Gundrum, Gustafson, Kitchens, Knodl, Macco, Murphy, Mursau, Nedweski, Penterman, Rettinger, Rodriguez, Sortwell, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler and Wittke.

March 08, 2023 Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Elections and Consumer Protection

March 16, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (5) Senator Stroebel; Senators Bradley, Feyen, Spreitzer and Roys.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Senator Duey Stroebel - 20th Senate District
- Representative Todd Novak - 51st Assembly District
- Pat Reilly - Dodgeville Chronicle
- Cory Brewer - Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty
- Tom Kamenick - Wisconsin Transparency Project
- Harry Wait
- James Friedman - Wisconsin Newspaper Association & Wisconsin Broadcasters Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Joe Ruth - Wisconsin Towns Association

Registrations For

- Michelle Vetterkind - Wisconsin Broadcasters Association
- Evan Umpir - Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

- Megan Novak - Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin
- Beth Bennett - Wisconsin Newspaper Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 13, 2023

Executive Session Held by Paper Ballot

Present: (5) Senator Stroebel; Senators Bradley, Feyen, Spreitzer and Roys.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved that **Senate Bill 117** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senator Stroebel; Senators Bradley, Feyen, Spreitzer and Roys.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Mark Radcliffe
Committee Clerk