

**Public Policy Position  
HB 5456**

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The Negligence Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 17 members. On February 7, 2018, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

**The Negligence Law Section Opposes HB 5456.****Explanation:**

This bill purports to codify current court procedures regarding asbestos civil litigation cases. However, the bill as drafted goes beyond current practice by creating additional burdensome requirements for plaintiffs. If the bill was amended so that it truly encompassed current procedures rather than surpassing them, the section would support it.

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