

**Public Policy Position  
HB 5751**

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The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section has a public policy decision-making body with 20 members. On June 4, 2022, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 18 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 2 members did not vote.

**Oppose**

**Explanation:**

The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section opposes HB 5751 because it does not comport with current HUD regulations, creates a too narrow definition of doctor-patient relationship for tenant applicants, and ignores non-ESA assistance animals creating an unfair barrier for individuals with mental or psychological needs.

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