

**Public Policy Position
HB 5046 and SB 0514**

The Negligence Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 1,797 members. The Negligence Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Negligence Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. The State Bar's position on these bills is to be neutral on the bills due to the absence of a fee waiver for indigent parties and parties represented by pro bono counsel in civil matters.

The Negligence Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 14 members. On October 16, 2023, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 2 members did not vote.

Support**Explanation:**

It is long overdue to increase fees to reimburse court reporters. These bills will help address the shortage in court reporters and help expedite receipt of legal records.

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