

HB 1615 -- CONDUCT OR SPEECH AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPONSOR: Oxford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, any action seeking monetary damage against a person for conduct or speech at a public hearing or meeting is subject to a special motion to dismiss, a motion for judgment on the pleadings, or a motion for summary judgment so it can be considered on an expedited basis to prevent the unnecessary expense of litigation. This bill allows any action against a person for conduct or speech at a public hearing or meeting to be subject to these special motions.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill addresses litigation related to conduct or speech at a public hearing or meeting.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Oxford.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.