

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight

Assembly Bill 145

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 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, Wittke, Steffen and C. Anderson; cosponsored by Senators Stroebel, Ballweg, Cabral-Guevara, Cowles, Felzkowski, Nass, Quinn, Roys, Wanggaard and Spreitzer.

April 07, 2023 Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight

November 15, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (5) Representative Steffen; Representatives Melotik, Brandtjen, Snyder and Myers.
Absent: (1) Representative Clancy.
Excused: (1) Representative Michalski.

Appearances For

- State Representative Todd Novak
- State Senator Duey Stroebel
- Lucas Vebber - WI Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL)
- Soslan Temansen - Podcast Host
- Bill Lueders - WI Freedom of Information Council
- James Friedman - WI Newspapers Association, WI Broadcasters Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Evan Umpir - WI Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC)

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

December 05, 2023 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (6) Representative Steffen; Representatives
Melotik, Michalski, Snyder, Myers and Clancy.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (1) Representative Brandtjen.

Moved by Representative Clancy, seconded by Representative
Michalski that **Assembly Bill 145** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Representative Steffen; Representatives
Melotik, Brandtjen, Michalski, Snyder,
Myers and Clancy.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Nicole Walentowski-Domokos
Committee Clerk