

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Transportation and Local Government

Senate Bill 916

Relating to: requiring local governments to designate an individual for consultation required under a federal program regarding refugee resettlement and assistance.

By Senators Tomczyk, James, Ballweg, Cabral-Guevara, Jacque, Nass, Quinn and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Hurd, Summerfield, Pronschinske, Petryk, Armstrong, Gustafson, Behnke, Bodden, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Edming, Goeben, Green, Magnafici, Maxey, Murphy, Mursau, Penterman, Rozar and Schmidt.

January 11, 2024 Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government

February 06, 2024 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (5) Senator Tomczyk; Senators Cowles, Hutton, Carpenter and Pfaff.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- CYNDI BURTON
- FRED KAPPUS
- Sen Cory Tomczyk
- Dean Gullickson
- Joe Ruth - Wisconsin Towns Association
- Rep Karen Hurd - 68th Assembly District

Appearances Against

- Vice President of Advocacy and Policy, World Relief
Matthew Soerens - World Relief
- Mr Eric Yonke - ECDC Multicultural Community Center
Wausau
- Ms Sheila Badwan - Hanan Refugees Relief Group
- Barbara Sella - WI Catholic Conference
- Mr GREGORY St Arnold - Self

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Steve Paske - Self
- Senator Jesse James

- County Supervisor Allen Myren - Eau Claire County
- Congressman Tom Tiffany

Registrations Against

- James Bohl - City of Milwaukee
- JANICE WATSON
- Site director Nou Huse - World relief
- Rev Breanna Illene - Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Connie Schulze - UW HEALTH
- Nathan Butzlaff - Wisconsin Association Of Local Health Departments And Boards
- Nathan Butzlaff - Wisconsin Public Health Association
- Mary Flynn - Private citizen
- Omar Mohamed
- Hutham Alabdulla

Registrations for Information Only

- Peggy Gullickson
- Ragen Shapiro - Department of Children and Families

February 15, 2024

Executive Session Held by Paper Ballot

Present: (5) Senator Tomczyk; Senators Cowles, Hutton, Carpenter and Pfaff.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senator Tomczyk; Senators Cowles, Hutton, Carpenter and Pfaff.

Noes: (0) None.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by that **Senate Bill 916** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (3) Senator Tomczyk; Senators Cowles and Hutton.

Noes: (2) Senators Carpenter and Pfaff.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2

Mitch Sands
Committee Clerk