

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Judiciary.

HB23-1205 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 3 insert:
- 2 "(a) An ombudsman acts as an independent, impartial, neutral,
- 3 unbiased, informal, and confidential resource for an organization and
- 4 assists people through voluntary consultation and provides information,
- 5 guidance, and assistance in determining options to address the person's
- 6 concerns;
- 7 (b) An ombudsman must fairly and objectively consider issues and
- 8 people who may be affected when dealing with assisting people with
- 9 concerns;
- 10 (c) An ombudsman promotes equitably administered processes but
- 11 does not advocate on behalf of anyone;"
- 12 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 13 Page 12, after line 10 insert:
- 14 "(10) THE OMBUDSMAN HAS SOLE DISCRETION OVER WHETHER OR
- 15 HOW TO ENGAGE REGARDING INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR SYSTEMATIC
- 16 CONCERNS AND MAY BRING A CONCERN TO THE ATTENTION OF
- 17 APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AS THE OMBUDSMAN DEEMS APPROPRIATE."
- 18 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

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